

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-2; 5-7 and 9 and cancel claims 3-4; 8; and 10-11 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A method for delivering messages, the method comprising:
accepting information at a server regarding an article to be delivered;
accepting at said server an electronic message by associating the electronic message with ~~the said~~ article; updating said electronic message associated with said article before receiving notification that delivery of said article is completed; and
sending from said server ~~the said~~ electronic message associated with the said article to a receiver of ~~the said~~ article at a time of receiving notification at said server that delivery of the said article is completed.
2. (currently amended) A method for delivering messages, the method comprising:
accepting information at a server regarding an article to be delivered;
accepting at said server an electronic message by associating the electronic message with ~~the said~~ article; and
sending from said server ~~the said~~ electronic message associated with the said article to a terminal of a deliverer who delivers ~~the electronic message said article at a time of shipping the article to deliver~~ accepting information at the terminal of the deliverer regarding said article to be delivered and said electronic message associated with said article from said server;
sending from said terminal of the deliverer said electronic message associated with said article to a receiver of said article at a time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of said article is completed.
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an electronic message by associating the electronic message with ~~the~~said article;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for updating said electronic message associated with said article before receiving notification that delivery of said article is completed; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending the electronic message associated with ~~the~~said article to a receiver of the article at a time of receiving notification that delivery of the said article is completed.

6. (currently amended) A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an electronic message by associating the electronic message with ~~the~~said article; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending said the electronic message associated with ~~the~~said article to a terminal of a deliverer at a time of shipping the article to deliver for sending said electronic message to a receiver of said article at a time of completing of the delivery of said article.

7. (currently amended) A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered and an electronic message associated with the article from a server; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending ~~the~~said electronic message associated with ~~the~~said article to a receiver of the article at the time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of ~~the~~said article is completed.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A unit for delivering messages, the unit comprising:
a section for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered and an electronic message associated with the article from a server; and
a section for sending ~~the~~said electronic message associated with ~~the~~said article to a receiver of ~~a~~said article at a time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of ~~the~~said article is completed.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)